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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6363**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 357

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Electronic Voting Systems.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Delph

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill eliminates the use of electronic voting systems after December 31, 2015.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* Counties using direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems would have to replace their tabulation systems with ballot card (optical-scan) voting systems or use paper ballots. If all 48 counties that solely use DRE systems decided to purchase new optical-scan units, as a result of the bill, the total cost would likely range from \$9 M to \$18.6 M.

Additionally, several other counties have one or two optical-scan machines primarily for absentee or early voting ballots, but use DRE systems in the precincts. These counties also would likely have to purchase more optical-scan machines at an unknown additional cost. The impact to local expenditures would depend on the voting system decisions made by the election boards in the counties currently using DRE systems.

*Background Information-* The estimate above includes pricing on three of the main optical scan voting systems in use in Indiana: the Hart Intercivic eScan, ES&S M100, and the ES&S/GBS Accuvote. Depending on the options ordered, the estimate above should be viewed as a starting point. Additional options would increase

total expenditures.

There are 48 counties containing 53% of all precincts in the state that use DRE systems exclusively.

Two counties use optical-scan exclusively. Forty-two counties use both DRE and optical-scan systems. Some counties such as Benton, Parke, and Tippecanoe use optical-scan only for absentee and early voting. Those counties would have to virtually replace all of their DRE systems used in the precincts with optical-scan.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties that use DRE voting systems as their primary means of tabulating votes in elections.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Election Division; Election Systems & Software, Government Business Systems; Hart Intercivic; various counties that employ optical-scan voting systems.

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